

SIKKIM

GOVERNMENT



GAZETTE

**EXTRAORDINARY
PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY**

Gangtok

Thursday 3rd May, 2018

No. 232

**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
GANGTOK-737101, SIKKIM**

No. 536/Sch/HRDD

Dated: 23.03.2018

**NOTIFICATION CONTAINING GUIDELINES FOR THE HON'BLE
CHIEF MINISTER'S MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME (HCOMMSS)
FOR SCHOOL AND UNDERGRADUATE COURSES.**

1. BACKGROUND:-

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Merit Scholarship Scheme (HCOMMSS) was introduced in the year 2010 under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pawan Kumar Chamling, notified **vide No.67/HRDD/HQ, Dated: 10th April 2012**. HCOMMSS is perhaps a most unique and historic scheme of all contemporary scholarship schemes prevailing in Indian sub-continent. It is indeed a monumental scheme envisaging the uplifting of children from Government Schools belonging to economically marginalised families after completion of Class V through a Competitive Examination and subsequently awarding their berth in reputed Schools within and outside of Sikkim. The aspiration of children belonging to marginalised families to study in elite private and public schools within and outside of Sikkim had been catered and nurtured by this scheme successfully and in its dividend, we can see the affirmative outcome in child-holistic development. The scheme engineered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister is an academic revolution predominantly one of its kind to be able to fulfil the aspiration of children to study and excel in one of the reputed Schools within and outside of Sikkim.

2. OBJECTIVES:-

The scheme has been started with a very noble objective to provide financial assistance to the meritorious students belonging to economically weaker families to study in the reputed Private and Public Schools within and Outside of Sikkim. The financial assistance in fact covers the entire expenses incurred on Students as levied by the concern School up to class XII. At the Graduation level, the financial assistance will be provided equivalent to the Government College rate subject to adjustment within the financial year. This arrangement is necessitated by the fact that the parents may not be able to bear the financial burden on their own.

3. SCOPE:-

A) School level.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Merit Scholarship Scheme is awarded on the basis of the results of written Examination. The school topper in Class V, enrolled in Government Schools from Class I to V is eligible to appear for the written Competitive Examination. Among all aspiring topper students appearing for the said Examination, only 50 (fifty) students are selected and awarded for the scholarship scheme on the basis of their written Examination.

B) Under Graduate level

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Merit Scholarship Scheme extended up to Graduation level is awarded to the students, who have already been in the scheme till class XII and studied in the allotted Schools within or outside of Sikkim. The Students will have to secure admission of their choice based on prevailing Competitive Examination for professional courses or in Government Colleges or other Government Colleges through the State Quota seats available in various empanelled Colleges and Institutions. For private Institutions, the fee reimbursement shall be limited to that of equivalent Government Institutions fee.

4. ELIGIBILITY:-

- The Students from Government schools who studied from Class I-V and successfully passed out Class V Examination with 1st position are eligible to appear for the Scholarship Examination.
- The Students/Parents must be a COI holder of Sikkim.
- All necessary documents need to be submitted to the respective districts before applying and appearing for the Competitive Examination.
- The ceiling of age under this scholarship scheme is 11-12½ years subject to authentication by the school results and birth certificate respectively.

Reservation Quota.

Further, the beneficiaries of HCMMS enrolled within and outside of Sikkim, who qualify class XII Board Examination and intend to pursue their higher studies up to Graduation level are eligible under this extended HCMMS Scheme (Graduation Level) vide Notification No.1136/Exam/HRDD, Dated: 28/03/2017.

5. EXAMINATION-CUM-SELECTION PROCEDURE:-

The District Offices shall be intimated for the proposed date and Centre of the Examination which shall be conveyed to the students/parents well in advance. Once a student is selected, he/she will be eligible to get free education from class VI-XII in one of the reputed empanelled schools within and outside of Sikkim.

State level Competitive Examination will be conducted by the Examination Section (HRDD) for the selection of the 50 Students. The first 10 meritorious students (20%) will be selected purely on merit basis and the remaining 40 students (80%) will be selected

on the basis of the State Reservation Policy. The Joint Director (Exams) will draw up a merit list of scholars likely to be eligible for the scholarship as per their written Examination results. Thereafter, a programme will be conducted for Counselling-cum-allotment of seats in an open platform, where the students will be allowed to choose their preferred schools within and outside of Sikkim in accordance to the merit list. Once the seat allotment procedure is over, the students are not permitted to change their schools as selected at the time of counselling-cum-seat allotment session.

6. ALLOCATION OF SCHOLARSHIP-CUM-ALLOTMENT OF SEATS:-

The total number of the scholarship under this scheme has intake capacity of 50 Students, divided under Merit and Roster category. However, the seat intake capacity may differ from time to time in accordance with directives of the State Government. 50% of the Scholarship would be earmarked for girls and 50% for boys. The top ten students may not necessarily fall under the whip of Roster category, as they reserved their berth in accordance to their merit list of order. The remaining 40 students are selected under the Roster category.

7. THE SCHEME COVERS:-

A) School Level:

The financial assistance under the HCMMS scheme provides privilege of free travelling expenses for top ten selected students along with one parent and one departmental escort in 3 Tier AC train during their admission time in the selected schools outside of Sikkim only.

The benefits include as under;

- 1) Academic fees as per the norms of school.
- 2) Hostel and mess fees as per the norms of school
- 3) Uniform and text book as per the norms of school
- 4) Expenditure for sports and games activities as per the norms of school
- 5) Stationeries charges as per the norms of school
- 6) One time toiletry Grant amounting to a maximum of Rs.15000 per student (studying outside of Sikkim)
- 7) The students studying within the State will be admissible to draw one time toiletries grant of Rs. 10000 per month.
- 8) One time annual travelling grant for the students studying within the state and one Escort amounting to a maximum of Rs.5000 subject to adjustment of actual fares paid as per distance at the Government rate.
- 9) 3 Tier AC train fare is admissible for long distance and by jeep/bus for short distance to students studying outside of Sikkim twice a year, i.e. after winter and Summer Vacations.
- 10) Any other travel outside of Sikkim, other than the prescribed norms, shall be borne by the individual parents. Further, equal participation from the family should be taken voluntarily so as to avoid any complication or unforeseen incidents.

Escort Facility: Departmental Escort will be given in the ratio of 1:10 separately for boys and girl or sometimes the numbers may be less also due to different academic timings of the schools.

Miscellaneous: Other Miscellaneous travel expenses including food and lodging as per necessity and situation will be provided to the students outside of Sikkim with justification during such travel period.

B) Under-Graduate Courses:-

The financial assistance under the HCMMS Scheme which has already been extended up to Graduation level provides Registration fees, Admission fees, Tuition fees, Hostel fees and Examination fees for the course period separately for within and outside of Sikkim. Travelling expenses in 3 tier AC train fare for to and fro journey twice in a year for students studying outside the state will be provided. Actual expenses within the rule subject to submission of proper bills in order duly authenticated by the respective Colleges shall also be paid.

A maximum ceiling of scholarship amount separately for the first year and remaining course period maybe seen below subject to reimbursement on submission of original bills, which ever may be the minimum duly certified by the respective Head of Institution.

COURSE WISE FEE STRUCTURE CATEGORISED FOR HCMMS GRADUATION LEVEL.

Sl. No.	Category	Course	Registration Fees (onetime)		Admission fees (one time)		Tuition Fees (one Year)		Hostel Fees (one year)		Travelling Allowance (One year)	
			Within Sikkim	Outside Sikkim	Within Sikkim	Outside Sikkim	Within Sikkim	Outside Sikkim	Within Sikkim	Outside Sikkim	Within Sikkim	Outside Sikkim
1.	Professional	MBBS/BDS	1000	1000	1000	1000	80000	30000	30000	60000	Nil	5000
		B.Tech	1000	1000	1000	1000	30000	30000	30000	60000	Nil	5000
		Medical Allied (Vet Sc., Horticulture, Forestry, Agri, Sericulture, Etc.)	1000	1000	1000	1000	30000	30000	30000	60000	Nil	5000
		Management (BBA/BCA/ MBA/MCA	1000	1000	1000	1000	30000	30000	30000	60000	Nil	5000
		Ayurveda, Homeopathy	1000	1000	1000	1000	30000	30000	30000	60000	Nil	5000
2.	General	BA/B.Com/ B.Sc	1000	1000	1000	1000	10000	10000	30000	60000	Nil	5000
		B.Sc Nursing/ GNM	1000	1000	1000	1000	30000	30000	30000	60000	Nil	5000
		Paramedical	1000	1000	1000	1000	30000	30000	30000	60000	Nil	5000
		Pharmacy	1000	1000	1000	1000	30000	30000	30000	60000	Nil	5000

Exam fees (one year)		Total for first year		Amount Proposed for		Total for consecutive Year	
Within Sikkim	Outside Sikkim	Within Sikkim	Outside Sikkim	Within Sikkim	Outside Sikkim	Within Sikkim	Outside Sikkim
5000	5000	117000	147000	120000	150000	115000	150000
5000	5000	67000	97000	70000	100000	65000	100000
5000	5000	67000	97000	70000	100000	65000	95000
5000	5000	67000	97000	70000	100000	65000	95000
5000	5000	67000	97000	70000	100000	65000	95000
5000	5000	47000	77000	50000	80000	45000	75000
5000	5000	67000	97000	60000	90000	65000	95000
5000	5000	67000	97000	70000	100000	65000	95000
5000	5000	67000	97000	70000	100000	65000	95000

8. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP:-

- A) The Selected HCMSS Students studying in various schools within and outside of Sikkim are entitled to avail the benefit of the scholarship till the completion of Graduation level. In case of detention in the same Class, the students are allowed to continue their scholarship for a year, but consecutive detention in the same class will automatically loose his/her scholarship claim.
- B) The students who had already been enrolled in HCMSS till Class XII and presently studying in different Colleges pursuing their various courses within and outside of Sikkim are entitled to avail of this scholarship till the completion of their Graduation level Courses. However, in case of detention in the same year, the students are not allowed to continue their scholarship and will automatically loose his/her scholarship claim.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

G.P. UPADHYAYA, IAS
Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Sikkim
Human Resource Development Department